Contingency Plan for Poor People

3222. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY :
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH :

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in northern belt some hundreds of poor people died due to severe cold wave in recent months;

(b) whether there is any contingency plan for providing shelter to the poor people;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government will draw up such a plan in the interest of the poor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected.

Grants of Pre-matric Scholarship for children in Andhra Pradesh

3223. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central grants are being made available to Andhra Pradesh for Pre-matric Scholarship for Children of those engaged in unclean occupations in the State;

(b) if so, the details of the grants made available during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the number of children benefited therefrom during the said period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The year-wise details of grants released during the last three years are as follows :—

Year	Central assistance released
2000-01	Rs. 63.39 lakhs
2001-02	Rs. 57.94 lakhs
2002-03	Rs. 252.60 lakhs

(c) The details of children benefited during the last three years are as follows :—

Year	Children benefited
2000-01	14093
2001-02	13620
2002-03	33399 (estimated)

Welfare Schemes for Destitute Children

†3224. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of welfare schemes being run in various States of the country for welfare of destitute children; and

(b) the amount spent by Government on implementation of these schemes during the last three years, scheme-wise, State-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN) : (a) This Ministry is implementing the following two schemes for welfare of destitute children :

(i) An Integrated Programme for Street Children : Under this scheme, financial assistance is given to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) functioning in various States for providing shelter, nutrition, health care, education, vocational training and recreation facilities to street children and facilitate their withdrawal from life on streets. The target group of this Programme is children without homes and family ties.

(ii) Scheme of Assistance to Homes (Shisu Greh) for Children to Promote In-country Adoption:

Under this scheme, grant in aid is given to Government institutions and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in various States for increasing and promoting adoptions within the country.

(b) Two statements showing the details of the financial assistance provided to the NGOs during the last three years state-wise under the two schemes are enclosed.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.